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GENERAL VERNON WALTERS TO OPEN GALLERY LECTURE SERIES

EVENT: The Corcoran Gallery's 1978 Lecture Series will be launched with a talk by Lt. Gen. Vernon A. ("Dick") Walters, former Deputy Director of the CIA, linguist, author and raconteur.

TIME: Monday, February 6, at 8:30 p.m.

SPEAKER: Fluent in a dozen languages, interpreter to many top officials, he has also written his autobiography, Silent Missions, which will be published by Doubleday in March. General Walters will talk about his adventurous life and his book.

Born in New York in 1917, General Walters was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in 1941 and advanced through grades to three-star rank. After service in North Africa and Italy in World War II, he became Military Attache in Brazil (1945-1948). He was Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff at SHAPE (1951-1956) and Staff Assistant to President Eisenhower (1956-1960). Another tour of duty, just before taking over the No. 2 spot in CIA (1972), was a five-year assignment as Defense Attache in Paris. He retired from the Army in 1976.

DETAILS: The lecture will be held in the Corcoran's Auditorium (entrance from New York Ave.) Tickets are \$6.00 for Gallery members and their guests and \$8.00 for nonmembers. Call 638-3211, ext. 41 or send your check to Carolyn Campbell at the Gallery. NOW!!!

There will be a reception in the atrium after the lecture to meet General Walters and talk with him informally.



Who's that with DeGaulle?

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Walters to Speak

State Legion Meets Here

By PAT WECHSLER
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Five hundred Virginia legionnaires will march on Charlottesville this evening in the first day of the group's annual three-day conference.

Featured speaker at the conference will be former Central

Intelligence Agency Deputy Director Vernon A. Walters who will talk at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Ramada Inn.

Walters, a retired lieutenant general in the United States Army, is expected to speak on the need to maintain a strong national defense.

Described by a legionnaire newspaper as "an outspoken adversary of those who would sacrifice national security for the exigencies of the moment," Walters served four years as a deputy director of the CIA during 1972 to 1976—the years when the agency came under attack for connections with the Watergate scandal and assassination and terrorist activities abroad.

The legionnaire's annual fall conference sets the stage for the planning of major legislative efforts during the year on behalf of veterans' benefits and any other statewide programs which the group will sponsor.

"Our biggest effort," said legionnaire Mac Mawyer, "is always for veterans' benefits. They keep cutting them every year. We're getting older and with a new Congress with not many veterans, we don't have much influence."

The conference will begin with a dinner dance tonight and a series of committee meetings Saturday.

The meeting will be chaired by the new state commander, J. Ray Edmundson Jr.